

tain increafes, and the next feven decreafes ; but I doubt their Obfervation is not exact, and I fufpect that they fay it, to feem to know fomething fingular. Befides there are none there that have themfelves obferved it long enough, to affirm any thing of that kind certainly. If there is any ground in that Obfervation, it feems to be, that in the hotteft Summers it increafes, and the more moderate ones it decreafes, there being then lefs melted Snow ; in which cafe it is at prefent, as we know of late the Summers have been moderate. [See *Philofoph. Transact.* Numb. 49 and 100.]

VIII. *A Brief Narrative of the Shot of Dr. Robert Fielding with a Musket-Bullet, and its ftrange manner of coming out of his Head, where it had lain near Thirty Years. Written by Himfelf.*

AT the firft *Newberry* Fight, in the Time of the late Civil Wars, the Doctor was fhoot by the Right Eye on the *Os Petrofum*, by the Orbit of the Eye to the Skull, which was likewife broke, with great Effufion of Blood from the Wound, Mouth and Noftils.

The Surgeon carefully probing the Wound for the difcovery of the Bullet, but failing of his intention, on the third day after the Shot, plac'd him Horizontal to the Sun ; by which means deprefling the broken Skull with the Probe, he could fee the Palpitation of the Brain, but could not difcover the Bullet.

When the Doctor began to grow cold, his Mouth clofed up, and fo continued for the fpace of half a Year, till many Fractures of Bones were come out of the Wound, Mouth and Noftils ; and afterwards whenfoever a Scale of Bone was to come out, his Mouth would

would close, inſomuch that ſeveral Years after he Prognosticated to ſome Friends, that a Bone was then coming out, which continued ſo for 6 or 7 Weeks; at which time finding an itching in the Orifice of the Wound, with his Finger he felt a Bone, upon which he made known to ſome Friends then preſent, that they ſhould ſee him open his Mouth, and taking out a Bone no bigger than a Pins Head, he immediately opened his Mouth.

At the ſecond *Newberry* Fight it heal'd up, no Art could keep it open. After this, for the ſpace of Ten Years, or more, a Flux of Sanious Matter iſſued out of the right Noſtril, and then ceaſing there, it flow'd from the left Noſtril for ſome Years : At length, for the ſpace of two Years or thereabouts, upon riding, the Doctor would ſometimes find a pain on the left ſide about the Almonds of the Ear, which he attributed to Cold, but more eſpecially after riding in a cold dark Night, which occaſion'd a kind of Deatneſs too; and having ſtop'd his Ear with Wool to recover his Hearing, one Day, either Writing or Reading, ſuddenly an Huſſe came in the Ear, which made him ſtart, and the manner not to be expreſt, unleſs you can imagine a *Vacuum*; this happen'd about *March* or *April* 70. Upon this all that ſide of the Cheek hung looſe as tho' Paralytick, and under the Ear might be felt a hard Knobb.

After this, Tumour upon Tumour appear'd on that ſide under the Jaw-Bone, which occaſion'd his conſulting ſome Phyſicians, two at one time, one of which ſuſpected the Bullet, which, conſidering the Shot, they thought not credible. At length the Tumours coming to the Throat, if he held up his Head a little, it ſeem'd as if one with a Hook did pull down the Jaw-bone, and if any thing touch'd the Throat, 'twas as painful as if prick'd with a handful of Needles; being at laſt perſwaded to make ſome Applications, a ſmall hole appear'd,

ed, after that another, and a third near the *Pomum Adami*; by these the Bullet was discover'd, and cut out in *August 1672.*

IX. *An Account of Books; viz. I. Prælectiones Chymicæ Oxoniæ habitæ a Johanne Freind, M.D. Ædis Christi Alumno.*

THO' the Art of Chymistry is at present much improved, and abounds with many excellent and useful Experiments; yet it must be acknowledg'd, that hitherto there has been made but a very little Progress in the Philosophy of it; and that Men are still to seek for the Reasons of the many strange Phænomena it produces. The Chymists generally making use of such Principles as have no foundation in Nature, it is no wonder if their Philosophy is inconsistent with it self, and is neither to be explain'd or understood. On this Account the Learned Author of this Excellent Treatise, without considering the Principles and Errors of former Chymists, endeavours here to give a clear and easie Account of the chief Operations of Chymistry from the true Principles of Natural Philosophy, and chiefly that of *Attraction*; which, he says, is no Figment or Hypothesis, but deduced from many plain Experiments, and grounded on the Laws of Nature and that Habitude that is found among Bodies, but particularly from the Observations that are to be made in Chymistry it self. This Principle of Attraction, with several other Lemma's that are borrowed from Geometry and Mechanicks, he explains and lays down as Axioms, which are to be understood, before any Progress can be made in the Science of Nature.